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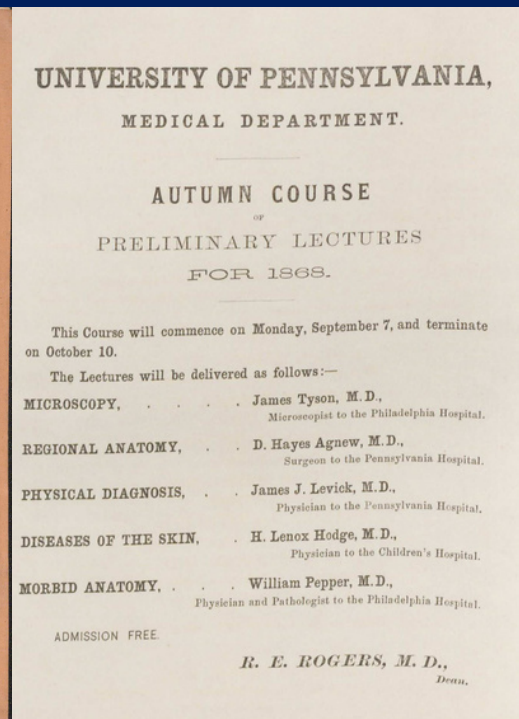
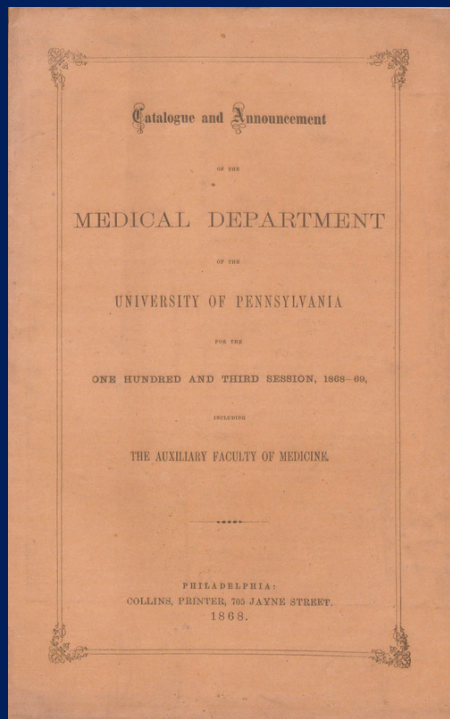


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Copy of the 1868 Facsimile of the Medical Department
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Did You Know?

The first course in dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania, entitled “Diseases of the Skin,” was taught in 1868 by Dr. H. Lenox Hodge. At the time, Dr. Hodge was an Attending Surgeon at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. After teaching the subject for two years, Louis A. Duhring, MD, began instructing the course in 1871. In 1875, Dr. Duhring officially became a “Professor of Skin Diseases” at the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As the year comes to a close, I'd like to wish you all Happy Holidays and Health and Happiness in 2023. We are grateful to all who make our Department one of the best in the world. Our success depends on the dedication and commitment of our faculty, staff, trainees, administrators and community supporters.

Since **Louis A. Duhring, MD**, founded the Department nearly 150 years ago, our robust research programs have brought findings from bench to bedside, transforming the way we understand and treat cutaneous disease. This issue of the newsletter highlights one of our premier translational investigators, **Dr. Victoria Werth**.

Vicky is a true pioneer our field. She has led a long-standing, highly successful translational research program in autoimmune disease and she has tirelessly advocated for the training of dermatologists who can care for the sickest of patients. Her expertise in dermatomyositis, lupus, and blistering diseases is unparalleled and she has revolutionized clinical trials in these areas by developing tools for evaluating disease severity and by testing new treatments in the clinic. Over the last two years, she has published four manuscripts describing clinical trials in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

At the departmental level, Dr. Werth's leadership at the VA has been transformational. She expanded the clinical and residency program there to where we take care of tens of thousands of Veterans per year with the help of our residents who are intimately involved in their care. Dr. Werth's ability to navigate the VA system with such success is a testament to her creativity, tenacity, drive and patience.

One cannot overestimate the impact that Vicky has had on the next generation of dermatologists. She has trained literally hundreds of students, residents and fellows. Many of her trainees have gone on to academic careers in medical dermatology and translational research. Please enjoy reading more about Dr. Werth and her research inside this issue.

We also highlight Penn Dermatology's Clinical Studies Unit (CSU), led by **Cynthia Clark, PhD, CRNP**, with **Dr. Joel Gelfand** as medical director. The CSU is comprised of highly skilled certified research coordinators, nurses, and investigators who work collaboratively to enhance the efficiency of clinical research and optimize the safety of trial participants. As one of the top-funded research departments in the country, Penn Dermatology's CSU supports cutting-edge research and clinical trials addressing some of the most pressing concerns in dermatology research and practice. Note also that the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) has a Dermatology Clinical Trials Unit, led by **Albert C. Yan, MD**, which presently has four clinical research studies introduced in this newsletter.

This newsletter also highlights our Resident and Fellow Wellness Committee. **Juliana K. Choi, MD**, directs these efforts and has been instrumental in advancing wellness for trainees. Please join us in welcoming our newest residents and congratulate our recent graduates, as they begin a new chapter in their careers.

As some of you may have heard, **William D. James, MD**, will be retiring from Penn Dermatology next year. As a giant in our field, Dr. James will be honored in multiple venues, but please join me at the AAD reunion to wish him well. Also join us at the Samitz Dinner next year where we will honor Dr. James. Dr. Dirk Elston will be our Samitz lecturer on October 19, 2023.

It is with a heavy heart that I take a moment to acknowledge the passing of **Waine C. Johnson, MD**. He was truly a remarkable person loved by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Dr. Johnson practiced as a dermatopathologist until he was 88 years old and the Johnson family has continued their unwavering support of the department with an endowed fund to support dermatopathology fellows. We are all honored to have had him in our lives and his contributions to the specialty and department will live on.

The achievements of Penn Dermatology depend on the dedication of our brilliant faculty, our excellent administration and support staff, the rich variety of patients and cases referred to us by the community, NIH grant funding, philanthropic support, state of the art research and clinical facilities, and a pipeline of superb residents and trainees. We are privileged to have strengths in all of these areas and we greatly benefit from the engagement of our alumni.

Please enjoy reading this issue of the Penn Derm Newsletter and I wish you all the best for a warm, healthy, and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,

George Cotsarelis, MD
Milton B. Hartzell Professor and Chair

Victoria P. Werth, MD:

An Inside Look at a Career of Excellence

Our incredible faculty constitute the backbone of our department. **Victoria P. Werth, MD**, has spent her career pioneering new areas of research, providing care to some of the most complex dermatology patients, and teaching and inspiring trainees. She represents one of the best of the best in dermatology.

After completing her medical degree at Johns Hopkins University and her internal medicine residency at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Dr. Werth joined the New York University (NYU) School of Medicine as a dermatology resident, serving as Chief Resident in her final year. With support from the Dermatology Foundation, she spent the next two years as an instructor and research fellow at NYU, followed by her appointment as an Assistant Professor of Dermatology. While working with Andrew Franks, MD, in the lupus clinic within the rheumatology division at Bellevue Hospital, Dr. Werth “knew that [she] wanted to work in the area of autoimmune diseases” while integrating her basic science laboratory interests with clinical dermatology. She pursued the opportunity to contribute to “an area with a lot of need. These patients are really pretty desperate, and there was a lot of room for making a difference.”

Gerald Lazarus, MD, Chair of Penn Dermatology, recruited Dr. Werth in 1989 to serve as Chief of the Division of Dermatology at the Philadelphia Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital and further develop her research: “I was doing research in an area that wasn’t being done in dermatology. I wanted to do translational research. I wanted to do clinical research, also, and almost all of it didn’t exist,” explains Dr. Werth. According to her, Penn was an ideal environment to cultivate this effort because of its “record of people who have done complex medical dermatology and internal medicine and dermatology. [Penn] seemed like it would provide the opportunities I was looking for.”

In the 30+ years since she joined Penn, Dr. Werth continues to lead the Dermatology Department at the VA and her research career has skyrocketed. Dr. Werth’s achievements are best understood through her impact on her patients. Her



Victoria P. Werth, MD

versatility in traversing many separate realms of medicine has benefited her patient population, providing them with more specialized therapeutic remedies. She never shies away from treating patients with the most challenging medical problems, many of whom have come to her when all other treatment options have been exhausted. Dr. Werth’s ability to translate her research findings to real-life clinical practice sets her apart and makes her a unique resource for patients and trainees. She has been identified as one of the Best Doctors in America and America’s Most Honored Professionals over multiple decades. Furthermore, she is consistently lauded for her contributions in the treatment of autoimmune diseases. The Medical Dermatology Society presented Dr. Werth with a Lifetime Achievement Award, which is “given to a recipient in recognition of their lifetime of inspired patient care as a medical dermatologist, mentoring of future medical dermatologists, and research to advance medical dermatology.”



Penn Dermatology Faculty - 1986; Victoria P. Werth, MD (second from the left; third row up)

As an investigator, Dr. Werth bridges her basic science investigations and clinical practice. Her research continues to make impactful improvements in treating autoimmune diseases, particularly lupus, dermatomyositis, blistering disorders, and autoimmune blistering diseases, including pemphigus and pemphigoid. This year alone, Dr. Werth has had three papers published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Dr. Werth has over 600 publications to her name, with nearly 450 appearing in peer-reviewed journals. She is the recipient of numerous awards recognizing her highly impactful research. Of note, the Society for Investigative Dermatology recognized Dr. Werth with the Naomi M. Kanof Award, which “honors an individual making significant contributions to the improvement of health through clinical research.” Penn also honored Dr. Werth with the Lady Colyton Prize for Autoimmune Research, highlighting her innovative discoveries and outstanding research. Beyond these awards, Dr. Werth has received accolades from the Women’s Dermatologic Society, the Philadelphia Dermatological Society, and in 2019, she received the American Skin Association’s Research Achievement Award in Autoimmune & Inflammatory Skin Disorders. In addition to her contributions as an author, Dr. Werth is also actively involved in the broader research community, holding reviewer and editorial positions for

twenty journals. Despite the ongoing uncertainties of the pandemic in 2021, Dr. Werth presented her research twenty-seven times globally during that year alone. These numbers underscore Dr. Werth’s eminence as an expert researcher and clinician. Dr. Werth is committed to furthering research and disseminating knowledge in all forms.

Outside of her research and clinical duties, Dr. Werth contributes in many capacities to the expansion of the dermatology field, serving as a leader, teacher and mentor. All these facets are “incredibly important [because] they all interdigitate. Especially if you’re doing more translational research, you really need to have a great effort both in the clinic and in the lab.” According to Dr. Werth, when she began training in medical dermatology, the field was waning and this deterred some looking to train in the specialty.

Through her research and founding of professional organizations, Dr. Werth has attracted numerous students and fellows, both nationally and internationally, to this specific area of dermatology. Notably, Dr. Werth and colleagues lobbied the American Board of Internal Medicine to develop the combined internal medicine and dermatology training program which has been highly successful at Penn and other institutions.

Teaching has been closely intertwined with the growth of Dr. Werth's career. She is often the first stop for medical students with any preliminary interest in dermatology as a specialty. She has an exceptional ability to guide students through the intricacies of this career choice and help them ultimately decide if it is their desired path. She is a role model for students by seamlessly integrating her robust training in internal medicine, rheumatology, and dermatology to treat the sickest patients. For residents who have the privilege of training with her, she is particularly adept at preparing them for the next step in their careers and ensuring their dedication to seeking solutions to complex dermatologic issues. She has cultivated in her students at all levels the desire to pursue medical dermatology and to serve some of the sickest patients. To honor her contributions as a teacher, this year at the American Academy of Dermatology's Annual Meeting, the Dermatology Foundation presented Dr. Werth with the Lifetime Educator Achievement Award, highlighting her skill at cultivating future generations of dermatology researchers and her aptitude for further encouraging the expansion of research in autoimmune and blistering diseases.



Victoria P. Werth, MD, with her microscope

Dr. Werth helped establish the Medical Dermatology Society (MDS) and the Rheumatologic Dermatology Society (RDS). The MDS aims to improve “the care of patients whose skin diseases or therapies have substantial systemic consequences, fostering research in medical dermatology, and assuring medical dermatology expertise in community and academic settings.” They accomplish this through dedicated lectures at major dermatology meetings, encouraging the expansion of the 5-year combined internal medicine/dermatology training programs, and developing advanced medical dermatology resident rotations, to name a few. Today, this collection of medical dermatologists represents one of the largest professional organizations in the world that is dedicated to this area of patient research and care.

The RDS was created in 2005 “as an outgrowth of several decades of collaboration at international conferences.” This was an expansion of the previously named North American Rheumatologic Dermatology Society (NARDS), to promote collaboration with colleagues in Europe and Asia. This organization remains “committed to maintaining a comprehensive and dynamic web-based tool for anyone interested in cutaneous rheumatologic diseases.” Dr. Werth has served as President of the RDS and continues to lead the

Editorial Board for the Website Educational Content Committee, showcasing her experience and expertise. Beyond these two collaborative groups, Dr. Werth has shaped other professional organizations through service and leadership. She has served as President, Vice-President, Chair, Treasurer, and worked as a Committee Member on several medical advisory boards, and medical working groups.

Dr. Werth epitomizes the world-class researcher, clinician, educator, and mentor. The compassion and humility which she brings to every patient encounter coupled with her exceptional commitment to teaching and mentorship has changed the lives of many. She leads by example and attracts patients from all over the country. As her commitment to mentorship and education demonstrates, she works to foster collaboration and elevate trainees and colleagues to help further their careers. We are fortunate to have Dr. Werth at Penn Dermatology.

To learn more about Dr. Werth's research, please see the article on page [ten](#) that presents some of her latest work. You can also view her faculty profile [here](#).

The Resident and Fellow Wellness Fund



Photos of Penn Dermatology Residents at the 2022 Resident Retreat

With physician burn-out reaching its highest levels in decades, ensuring the wellbeing and resiliency of our residents and fellows is crucial to make certain the next generation of providers knows how to self-care. As such, wellness is an important pillar of our residency and fellowship training programs. As providers, we strive to deliver the best possible patient care. However, it is difficult to care for others if we do not also care for ourselves. Therefore, our priority is to build a supportive community for everyone to thrive.

Wellness means something different to each trainee. While some may be adjusting to a new city, others may be studying for a board exam, applying for fellowships or facing challenges in their home life. For most, residency is a time of change, which is exciting but also oftentimes stressful. Through the generosity of donors, we have been able to provide programming to enhance physical as well as emotional and mental wellness. Thus far, this has included team building experiences, group hikes, resilience seminars, support to attend conferences, conversations on health equity and inclusion, as well as the creation of a Penn Derm Resident Wellness Room that can be used to unwind and recharge and is also lactation friendly.

Juliana K. Choi, MD, PhD, directs the Resident and Fellow Wellness Committee. In addition to tailored programming and celebratory events throughout the year, a portion of the wellness funds are allocated toward a full day resident retreat. Residents are given protected time from clinical responsibilities to connect and learn about their fellow co-residents. The first Wellness Retreat was in 2016. Although the activities change year to year, the fundamental mission of the retreat day remains constant – to bond with peers, refine communication and team building techniques, and participate in workshops that are tailored to a specific theme each year. As we emerge from COVID restrictions, this year’s theme is aptly “Resilience and Optimism.”

As one of our residents summarized, “What sets Penn Derm apart is this immense sense of family within the program. The faculty are absolutely committed to shaping residents to be the best possible dermatologists; but beyond this, they really care about how you are as a person. Residency can be such a rigorous and overwhelming time in your life, but I always know who I can turn to within the department.”

We are committed to the wellness of our residents and fellows, and we hope to continue expanding upon resident and fellow wellness efforts to aid in maximizing their potential and thriving as physicians. Please visit our [wellness website](#) for additional information or learn more about Penn Dermatology wellness efforts from [our residents](#). You can support the wellness efforts of Penn Dermatology [here](#).

PARTNERING WITH PENN DERMATOLOGY

Penn directs the field of dermatology forward through personalized care and therapeutic advances. The Department of Dermatology works continuously to develop new techniques and therapies through research and to educate the next generations of outstanding physicians and researchers. To maximize our expertise and potential, improvements to our research infrastructure are required. Basic, translational, and clinical research activities are the hallmark of our clinical care and patient outcomes. With significant philanthropic investments, the Department will continue addressing pressing medical challenges in dermatologic care and will be instrumental in improving diagnoses, new surgical techniques, and quality of life. Lastly, offering the best multidisciplinary care for our patients remains a top priority.

Department of Dermatology Fundraising Priorities

Pilot Research Projects

Honoring Leaders

As the oldest dermatology department in the country, Penn Dermatology has been shaped by many great leaders whose legacies live on through their scientific breakthroughs. Established in 1874 by Dr. Louis Duhring, Penn Dermatology follows the traditions of many great 19th and 20th century physician-researchers who work collaboratively and across disciplines, such as with the school of engineering. As a contributor to pilot research projects in cutaneous regeneration, Penn investigators gain the ability to impact patients worldwide with novel approaches to skin diseases, innovative treatments, and potential for cures.

Fellowship Training Programs

Supporting New Investigators

Penn Dermatology's training programs attract the most outstanding candidates, developing leaders in dermatologic research, academic, and clinical dermatology. Funds directed toward fellowship training programs guarantee Penn Dermatology's long tradition of educating exceptional scientists and physicians.

Endowed Professorships

Rewarding Innovation

Supporting the work of Penn's physician-scientists is one of the highest priorities. Endowed professorships in investigative dermatology provide Penn Dermatology with the ability to retain and attract exceptional faculty. Penn's preeminent dermatologists and researchers consistently receive recognition for excellence in patient care, research discoveries, and education. Endowed professorships are instrumental to the Department's faculty and their important work.

Community Education Fund

Inspiring the Next Generation

Penn Dermatology is committed to serving youth in the Philadelphia community. Through programs like the Penn Academy for Skin Health (PASH), high school students are offered an invaluable STEM experience - working side-by-side with our nationally renowned experts in the laboratory, as well as participating in college workshops.

Private philanthropy meets funding needs not covered by government grants or insurance reimbursements. Your donation enables us to break new ground and to improve upon existing therapies.

Philanthropic gifts of all sizes to support our research, educational, and clinical endeavors are greatly appreciated. Naming opportunities within the Department begin at the \$25,000-level. Additionally, any gift can be given outright, through a planned giving vehicle, or can be structured to be paid over a 5-year period.

For more information about partnering with Penn Dermatology, please contact **Caitlin Doelp**, Senior Director of Development, at (215) 746 - 2167 or ccrowe@upenn.edu.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DERMATOLOGY FACULTY AND INSTRUCTORS



Julianna Berk-Krauss, MD

Julianna Berk-Krauss, MD, joined Penn Dermatology as an Instructor in August 2022. She earned her MD from Yale School of Medicine and completed her residency in dermatology at SUNY Downstate, where she served as Chief Resident and was named Resident of the Year. Dr. Berk-Krauss was awarded a Melanoma Research Alliance Fellowship and grant for her research in melanoma epidemiology. Her current research interests involve improving diagnostics in the inpatient setting.

Neha Jariwala, MD

Neha Jariwala, MD, joined Penn Dermatology as an Assistant Professor on the Clinical Track and Penn Medicine Clinician in November 2022. Dr. Jariwala earned her MD from Drexel University College of Medicine. She joined Penn Dermatology as a Cutaneous Oncology Fellow and then completed her residency here. Dr. Jariwala is a current recipient of the American Society of Surgical Dermatology's Jumpstart Research Seed Grant. Her research focus includes cutaneous oncology, Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, procedural dermatology, global health, and access to care.



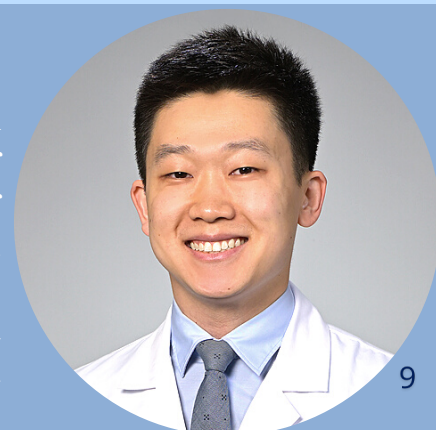
Heather Milbar, MD, MPH

Heather Milbar, MD, MPH, joined Penn Dermatology as an Instructor in November 2022. Dr. Milbar earned her MD from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. After this, she completed her residency in dermatology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. In 2020, the History of Dermatology Society awarded Dr. Milbar the Samuel Zakon Prize for Best New Presentation. Her research focus includes alopecia and the history of dermatology.



Junqian Zhang, MD

Junqian Zhang, MD, joined Penn Dermatology as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Dermatology in October 2022. Dr. Zhang earned his MD from the Perelman School of Medicine. He trained in dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania, serving as Chief Resident his final year. He continued his training as a Mohs Micrographic Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology Fellow, also at Penn. He is the recipient of the Department's Nancy C. Bell, MD, Memorial Prize in Dermatology and was recognized with a Resident/Fellow as Teacher Award. His research interests include cutaneous oncology and reconstruction, Mohs histology and histoanatomy, and quality improvement.



Werth-while Research: Strides in Medical Dermatology

Victoria P. Werth, MD, Chief of Dermatology at the Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center and Professor of Dermatology, developed an interest in autoimmune and blistering diseases, which were underdeveloped areas in dermatology, when she completed her residency at the New York University (NYU) School of Medicine. She tirelessly pursued the study of these diseases in the laboratory and through clinical trials. In addition, by treating thousands of patients with these debilitating diseases, she became a world's expert and leader in cutaneous autoimmune disorders.

Dr. Werth made significant strides in treating Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus (CLE) and Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE), which can affect the blood vessels, kidneys, lungs, joints, brain and skin. Disease severity ranges from mild to life-threatening, and exacerbations of CLE, occur frequently or years apart. Dr. Werth remains at the forefront of developing medical interventions that provide relief to patients with lupus.

One of Dr. Werth's major contributions to the scientific research community regarding cutaneous lupus is through the creation of the disease severity tool, the Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus Disease Area and Severity Index (CLASI), which provides scores for both cutaneous lupus activity and damage. "I wanted to push the field forward: there were almost no clinical studies and so it turned out that one of the first things we needed to develop were tools that could measure disease severity," explains Dr. Werth. This created a roadblock in translational and clinical studies on this disease because there were no validated tools. Now, a couple decades later, there are international collaborations and investigations that work to further validate and use these measures in clinical trials.

Significantly, the Society for Investigative Dermatology,



Victoria P. Werth, MD

Women's Dermatologic Society, Medical Dermatology Society, and International Pemphigus & Pemphigoid Foundation all awarded Dr. Werth for her research contributions: to date, she has authored over 600 publications, with more than 450 of them appearing in peer-reviewed journals. This year alone, Dr. Werth had three research papers published in the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM), one of the oldest and most prestigious peer-reviewed medical journals. The NEJM featured the first article, "Phase 2 Trial of Iberdomide in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus," in March, the second, "Trial of Anti-BDCA2 Antibody Litifilimab for Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus," in July, and the third, "Trial of Anti-BDCA2 Antibody Litifilimab for Systemic Lupus Erythematosus," in September of this year.

The first article, “Phase 2 Trial of Iberdomide in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus,” is the result of an international collaboration with investigators from the United States, Mexico, Poland, the Netherlands, Germany, Serbia, and Argentina. Dr. Werth and fellow researchers examined iberdomide, a cereblon modulator that promotes degradation of transcription factors that impact leukocyte development and autoimmunity. The study included 288 patients that were placed in different categories to receive oral iberdomide at varying doses or a placebo. After receiving treatment for 24 weeks, researchers evaluated study participants with the Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Disease Severity Index. The Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus Disease Area and Severity Index-Activity (CLASI-A) score was a secondary outcome examining skin activity. Ultimately, the study demonstrated that the highest dose category produced the greatest decrease in disease severity, while there were no significant differences between the lower dose and placebo recipients. Overall, these patients’ skin did not improve, but subsequent analyses found a statistically significant improvement in those SLE patients who had subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus and a trend for improvement in those with discoid lupus erythematosus. More investigations are necessary to determine the generalizability of efficacy and safety for iberdomide as a treatment for SLE. This iberdomide study grew out of an open label study of lenalidomide, a thalidomide derivative, that Dr. Werth conducted at Penn a number of years ago.

The second article, “Trial of Anti-BDCA2 Antibody Litifilimab for Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus,” presents the results of a phase 2 trial of litifilimab. BDCA2 is found on plasmacytoid dendritic cells and litifilimab leads to internalization of the BDCA2 receptor, resulting in decreased production of type I interferons, or cytokines, that are crucial for inflammation, immunoregulation, and T-cell responses. The research article is also an international collaboration featuring researchers from the United States, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Mexico, Sweden, and Serbia. This phase 2 trial investigated subcutaneous

litifilimab over the course of 16 weeks, utilizing the CLASI-A scores as the primary outcome to monitor CLE skin disease activity. At the end of the trial, results indicated that use of subcutaneous litifilimab treatment produced significantly better results than a placebo. The third paper, “Trial of Anti-BDCA2 Antibody Litifilimab for Systemic Lupus Erythematosus,” reported on a phase 2 trial of litifilimab involving participants with SLE and CLE skin activity. The CLASI-A was a secondary outcome in this trial. Results indicated greater reduction from baseline in the number of swollen and tender joints than placebo and in the CLASI-A. There are now ongoing separate phase 3 studies for CLE and SLE, a model of drug development that will hopefully facilitate development for patients with CLE who don’t have SLE.

In alignment with the start of her research career, Dr. Werth focuses on the wellbeing of and the advancement of treatment for her patients. She works to ensure that physicians, researchers, and the public “understand the importance of these diseases to the patients.” While she already made tremendous strides over the past thirty+ years, there is no doubt that she will continue to make impactful contributions in these areas: the NIH recently awarded Dr. Werth and her laboratory funding as part of the accelerated medicine partnerships to “transform the current model for developing new diagnostics and treatments,” pointing to the confidence the medical community has in Dr. Werth’s investigational expertise at furthering management of these complex diseases. “These investigations will expand upon work that addresses the heterogeneity of responses to therapies. Understanding this heterogeneity may facilitate a more individualized approach to treatment. This is a fascinating area we’re really interested in pushing further.”

To learn more about Dr. Werth’s research, you can visit her faculty profile page [here](#).



A CHECK-IN WITH THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA (CHOP) DERMATOLOGY SECTION CLINICAL TRIALS UNIT

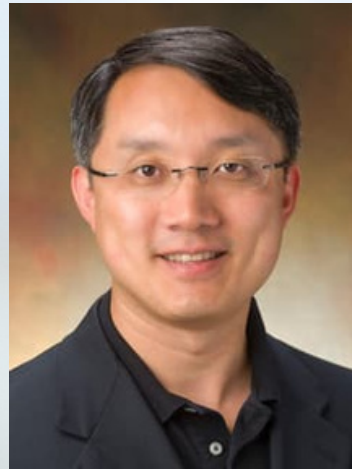
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Dermatology Section is currently engaged in four clinical research studies.

The first of the Section's clinical trials is for Timber Pharmaceuticals, LLC, in a Phase III trial of a formulation of topical isotretinoin for the treatment of congenital ichthyosis (CI). For this trial we are recruiting people aged 6 years and older who have been diagnosed with CI and have a genetic confirmation of either ARCI (including, but not exclusively, transglutaminase 1-deficient, ALOX-12B), RXLI (e.g., deletion of steroid sulfatase gene) subtypes of CI, or are willing to have confirmatory genetic testing prior to initiating study procedures.

The next trial is an additional Phase III trial in collaboration with Arcutis Biotherapeutics, Inc., investigating a topical formulation of topical roflumilast for the treatment of mild to moderate atopic dermatitis (AD). For this trial we are looking for children aged 2-5 years old with a diagnosis of mild to moderate AD or eczema.

In collaboration with Northwestern University, the third study is investigating the effects of topical and systemic treatments for psoriasis on lipoprotein composition and function. For this study, we are enrolling children aged 6-17 with presentation of plaque and/or extensive guttate psoriasis for at least 6 months that have been on topical treatment for at least 6 months or about to start systemic therapy.

Lastly, our fourth study is a collaboration with the University of Pennsylvania comparing the efficacies of the use of oral spironolactone and oral doxycycline hyclate for the treatment of acne. This study is recruiting women aged 16-40 and older with a diagnosis of acne and at least 10 inflammatory papules or pustules.



Albert C. Yan, MD
*Clinical Research Director,
Dermatology Section,
Children's Hospital of
Philadelphia*

We are also actively recruiting pediatric and young adult patients with known or suspected epidermolysis bullosa (EB) to take part in the EB Clinical Research Consortium's (EBCRC) Clinical Characterization and Outcomes Database adding to our national database defining the clinical characterizations of EB and increased knowledge on how to provide better care for this devastating disease.

Finally, several medical trainees are actively engaged with investigator-initiated studies focused on zinc deficiency biomarkers, growth effects with isotretinoin therapy for acne, topical treatment of tinea capitis in infants, aquagenic wrinkling in non-CF patients, PHACES sequelae in older patients, and the use of infrared thermography for the evaluation of pediatric vascular anomalies. In conjunction with Penn Engineering Studies, we are also initiating an artificial intelligence-machine learning process for evaluating acne severity.

To learn more about the Dermatology Section's clinical trials, please contact **Albert C. Yan, MD**, the Clinical Research Director, at yana@chop.edu or **Griffin Stockton Hogrogian, MEd**, Dr. Yan's research coordinator, at stocktonhg@chop.edu.

THE 35TH ANNUAL DONALD M. PILLSBURY, MD, LECTURESHIP

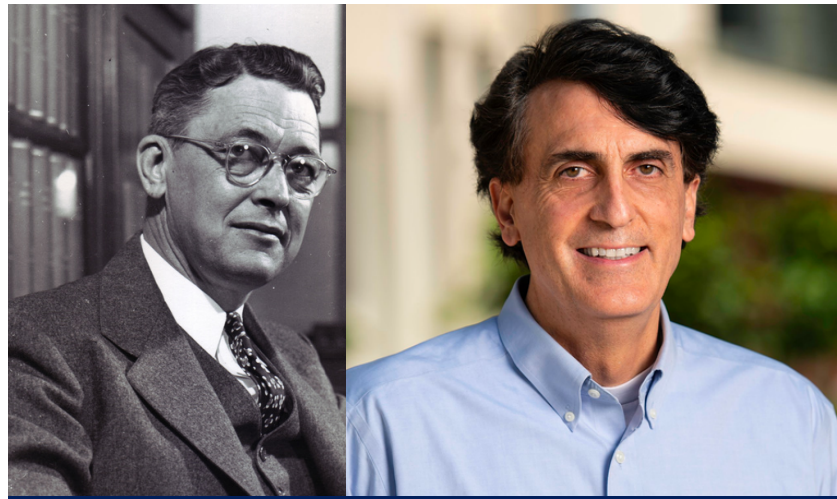
The **Donald Marion Pillsbury, MD**, Lectureship is a long-celebrated tradition where we remember the legacy of Dr. Pillsbury (1902-1980), honor our graduating residents and fellows, and congratulate them on the next chapter of their professional journeys. This year marked the thirty-fifth year of celebration.

Dr. Pillsbury became a resident at the University of Pennsylvania in the Department of Dermatology and Syphilology in 1928. As an innovative thinker, he produced some of the first research on the biochemistry of the skin. This aided in transforming what had primarily been a therapeutic discipline into an investigative and research-oriented field. Later as a professor, he upgraded the teaching paradigms for future dermatology residents when he instituted biochemical basic science research activities as part of their training.

As the world turned their attention to the burgeoning second global war, Dr. Pillsbury was tapped by the White House to consult as a dermatologist for the Army's European Theater of Operations. In his role, he taught numerous Medical Corps soldiers how to care for dermatologic conditions in the field. Following the war's conclusion, the government continued using Dr. Pillsbury's expertise to evaluate the dermatology needs in the US and promote governmental financial support for basic science research. Ultimately, these efforts raised the public understanding of dermatology while furthering the quality of discourse in the field.

In 1945, Dr. Pillsbury became the Chair of the Dermatology Department, a position he held for twenty years. As a teacher, Dr. Pillsbury was well-known and attracted students from all over the world. Despite his great achievements, he always maintained a humble and modest demeanor. People remember him for the strength of his character and principles: he was a caring physician, respected leader, and had no tolerance for bigotry or pretentious behavior.

This year, we were thrilled to invite Paul A. Khavari, MD, PhD, from the Stanford University School of Medicine,



Above left: Donald M. Pillsbury, MD

Above right: Paul A. Khavari, MD, PhD

where he serves as the Carl J. Herzog Professor and Chair. Dr. Khavari also works as the Chief of Dermatology services at the Veteran's Affairs Palo Alto Healthcare System and is the Co-Founder and Co-Director of Stanford's Program in Epithelial Biology. He is an active member of the Maternal and Child Health Research Institute, the Stanford Cancer Institute, Bio-X, Stanford's interdisciplinary biosciences institute, and Sarafan ChEM-H, a program driving future interdisciplinary research for human health. Dr. Khavari presented an engaging talk entitled "Decoding Polygenic Diseases in Skin and Systemic Diseases."

Dr. Khavari earned his MD degree from Yale University while collaborating as a fellow with Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA and the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. Dr. Khavari then completed his dermatology residency at Stanford University School of Medicine and his PhD and post-doctoral training with Jerry Crabtree, MD, of the Howard Hughes Memorial Institute. Dr. Khavari joined the faculty of Stanford in 1993 where he applies multi-omics approaches to study molecular therapeutics, epidemical homeostasis, and cancer. He is credited on over 150 peer-reviewed research publications. Over the course of his career, Dr. Khavari has been recognized with highly coveted awards such as the Stephen Rothman Memorial Award (Society for Investigative Dermatology), Lila Murray Gruber Cancer Research Award (American Academy of Dermatology), and Lifetime Scientific Achievement Award (American Skin Association).

To learn more about Dr. Khavari and his work, you can visit his faculty profile [here](#) or his laboratory's website [here](#).

Hails and Farewells

Hail to our incoming residents and fellows!



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Medicine and Dermatology Resident
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Pennsylvania Hospital



ALEXIS HOLMES, MD

Dermatology Resident
**Perelman School of
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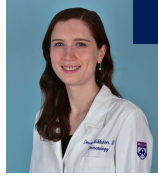
DAVID MILGRAUM, MD

CHOP Pediatric Dermatology Fellow
**Drexel University College of
Medicine**
Pennsylvania Hospital



LEAH COHEN, MD

Dermatology Resident
**FIU Herbert Wertheim
College of Medicine**
USF-Brandon Regional Hospital



DEVON MCMAHON, MD

Dermatology Resident
Harvard Medical School
Cambridge Health Alliance



HARRISON PHU NGUYEN, MD, MBA, MPH

Micrographic Surgery and
Dermatologic Oncology Fellow
Baylor College of Medicine
*Emory University School of
Medicine*



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Dermatology Resident
**University of Washington
School of Medicine**
Virginia Mason Medical Center



TREVOR YOUNG, MD

Dermatology Resident
**New York University
School of Medicine**
Mt. Sinai Hospital



AMAN PRASAD, MD, PHD

Dermatopathology Fellow
**University of Wisconsin -
Madison School of Medicine and
Public Health**
*University of Wisconsin - Madison
School of Medicine and Public Health*



JASMINE HARRIS, MD

Dermatology Resident
**University of Michigan
School of Medicine**
Greater Baltimore Medical Center



KATHERINE AYOADE, MD, PHD

Dermatopathology Fellow
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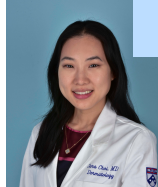
SHANE SWINK, DO, MS

CHOP Pediatric Dermatology Fellow
**Philadelphia College of
Osteopathic Medicine**
Lehigh Valley Health Network



DYLAN HAYNES, MD, MCR

Dermatology Resident
**Oregon Health & Science University
School of Medicine**
Providence Portland Medical Center



SARA CHOI, MD

Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma Fellow
**Stanford University
School of Medicine**
Pennsylvania Hospital

Future endeavors of graduating residents & fellows:

Jack Abbott, MD: *Joined Billings Clinic in Billings, MT*

Alexandra Coromilas, MD: *Joined the Faculty at Columbia Presbyterian in New York, NY*

Leah Cohen, MD: *Joined Penn Dermatology as a Resident*

Mohammed Dany, MD, PhD: *Began a Fellowship in Mohs and Reconstructive Surgery at NYU Langone Health*

Diego Dasilva, MD: *Joined Forefront Dermatology in Virginia Beach, VA*

Neha Jariwala, MD: *Joined Penn Dermatology Faculty*

Angela Jiang, MD: *Joined Summit Health in Berkeley Heights, NJ*

Heather Milbar, MD, MPH: *Joined Penn Dermatology as an Instructor*

Junqian Zhang, MD: *Joined Penn Dermatology Faculty as a Mohs Surgeon*

Save the Dates!

As many of you have heard, **Dr. William D. James**, who has been with the department since 1995, will be retiring as of August 2023. Please join us at the AAD Penn reunion on March 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM CST in New Orleans, LA, where we will acknowledge his years of service. We will be asking everyone to provide a short video message that we will play at the event. Next fall, we will also have a more formal recognition ceremony at the 48th Annual Samitz Dinner in October 2023 in Philadelphia, PA.

More details to follow.



In Memoriam: *Waine C. Johnson, MD*



Dr. Johnson with the dermatopathology team (left); Dr. Johnson and Chair George Cotsarelis, MD, at the 2017 Pillsbury Dinner (middle); Dr. Johnson (right)

It is with a heavy heart that the Department of Dermatology at the Perelman School of Medicine recognizes the passing of **Waine C. Johnson, MD**, at the age of 94. Dr. Johnson spent over sixty years as a practicing dermatopathologist and educator, and was affiliated with Penn Dermatology for at least forty of those years.

Dr. Johnson graduated from the University of Texas-Galveston in 1953. He served honorably in the United States Army, working at the Walter Reed Army Hospital and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington DC, and also serving as Chief of Dermatology Services at the Kozo Hospital in Okinawa, Japan and Fort Polk in Louisiana. During his service, Dr. Johnson completed a fellowship in dermatopathology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. He moved to Philadelphia in 1962 to become a professor of Dermatology at Temple University. In 1978, Dr. Johnson joined the University of Pennsylvania as a Clinical Professor of Dermatology, a role he held until 2016 at the age of 88. For twenty years, Dr. Johnson was Chair of the Dermatology Department at the Graduate Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

As a researcher, Dr. Johnson was prolific: he was one of the first dermatologists to develop expertise in cutaneous surgical and reconstructive techniques, and to use punch graft transplants for treating pitted acne scars. Dr. Johnson authored over 80 peer-reviewed publications appearing in top-tier medical journals such as the *International Journal of Dermatology*, the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*, and the *Journal of Cutaneous Pathology*. Additionally, Dr. Johnson contributed to over twenty textbooks.

Outside of Penn, Dr. Johnson founded and directed his own private practice for over twenty years. Dr. Johnson was heavily involved in numerous professional organizations, holding many leadership positions. He was President of the American Society for Dermatopathology, the American Registry for Pathology, and the Atlantic Dermatology Association. Dr. Johnson was also the chair of numerous committees within the American Dermatological Association. In 2020, the American Academy of Dermatology recognized Dr. Johnson with the Master of Dermatology Award, honoring his lifetime contributions and achievements in dermatology.

Throughout his life, Dr. Johnson maintained a sincere love for scientific inquiry and human compassion in medicine. One of Dr. Johnson's fondest impressions of his time at Penn was the privilege of influencing multiple generations of dermatopathologists and the reciprocity he gained by learning from both students and colleagues. Frequently, Dr. Johnson collaborated with colleagues and credits the Department's emphasis on research and dedication to recruiting the most influential minds in dermatology as a primary contributor to his career. The Johnson family is an avid supporter of Penn Dermatology: through their generous support, the Waine C. Johnson, MD, Fellowship in Dermatopathology was established in 2021 to support the development of world-class dermatopathologists.

All who knew Dr. Johnson admired his intellect, dedication to teaching, and kindness. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family and all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Dr. Johnson will be truly missed.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

"If a [resident is] going into practice, you have to keep in touch [with Penn Dermatology]. The best way of making sure you will stay current and involved is to be around the very bright, intelligent residents...It's very important to stay involved. You're not just helping the Department, which you are, but it's helping you stay where you need to be."



James J. Leyden, MD

Vice Chair of Operations, **Carmela Vittorio, MD**, joins Penn Derm alumnus and Professor Emeritus **James J. Leyden, MD**, to discuss how he developed an interest in medicine and the discipline of dermatology. During his residency, Dr. Leyden joined the United States Military and served as Chief of Dermatology for the New England region. After completing his residency in 1972, Dr. Leyden joined the Penn Dermatology faculty. During his career, Dr. Leyden authored and edited five textbooks, 45 chapters and reviews, and more than 350 peer-reviewed publications. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including five from the American Academy of Dermatology and the Dermatology Foundation's Distinguished Service Medallion. Dr. Leyden is credited as one of the founders of the Dermatology Foundation, vastly increasing the research funds it distributes, and has served on the drug regulatory agencies of four countries (the United States, England, Germany, and Austria). In 2021, the James J. Leyden, MD, Endowed Professorship in Clinical Investigation was established to honor his legacy. You can view part one of the interview [here](#) and part two of the interview [here](#).

Want to share your story? Visit us at our new website dermatology.upenn.edu/alumni/, email us at PennDermAlumni@uphs.upenn.edu, follow us on Instagram [@PennDerm](https://www.instagram.com/PennDerm), and join us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/PennDerm). Check out our monthly Spotlight featuring fellow PennDerm alumni and current faculty research. We look forward to hearing from you.

THE 22ND ANNUAL BERNARD L. HOHENBERG MEMORIAL LECTURE

On June 16th, 2022, we were pleased to welcome Geoffrey C. Gurtner, MD, FACS, as the keynote speaker for the 2022 Bernard L. Hohenberg Memorial Lectureship. Dr. Gurtner delivered an engaging presentation entitled “Developing Small Molecule Therapeutics for Underhealing and Overhealing Wounds.”

Dr. Gurtner is an internationally recognized clinician, researcher, inventor, author and entrepreneur. His research investigates the interplay of mechanical and chemical stimuli and its impact on wound healing. Over the course of his career, he has been awarded over \$27 million in federal research funding. Presently, he holds 35 patents and has authored over 345 peer-reviewed articles and nearly 50 book chapters. He recently joined the University of Arizona College of Medicine as the Chair of the Department of Surgery, where he holds dual appointments in Surgery and Biomedical Engineering. Prior to this Dr. Gurtner held the endowed Johnson and Johnson Distinguished Professorship in Surgery at Stanford University School of Medicine. During his time at Stanford, Dr. Gurtner served as the inaugural Vice Chair of Research in Surgery (2009-2019) and the inaugural Vice Chair of Innovation in Surgery (2019-2022).

Dr. Gurtner has held numerous leadership positions in academia and research, including serving as the Executive Director of the Stanford Advanced Wound Care Center, Co-Director of the Hagey Laboratory for Pediatric Regenerative Medicine, and the Chair of the National Institutes of Health Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). He is an active member of the Wound Healing Society, the leading “organization focusing on the clinical and basic science of wound healing,” and served as President for multiple years. As a researcher located in Silicon Valley for many years, Dr. Gurtner emphasized the importance of presenting bench and clinical research in layperson’s terms to secure venture funding, and highlighted the significance of translating science from bench to bedside.

We are grateful for Dr. Gurtner’s time and thorough presentation. To learn more about Dr. Gurtner and his research, you can visit his faculty page [here](#).

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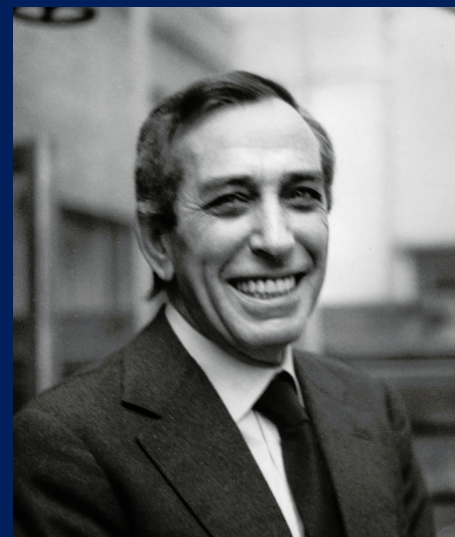
This Lectureship honors the memory of Bernard L. Hohenberg. Despite facing numerous adversities throughout his life, including being jailed by the Gestapo at age 14, Mr. Hohenberg was a jovial and caring individual. Later, Mr. Hohenberg lived with leukemia for nearly a decade before being diagnosed with lung cancer. Despite awareness of the terminal nature of his condition, Mr. Hohenberg continued to live in a way that “his zest for life galvanized all those who had the privilege of knowing him.” During treatments, Mr. Hohenberg developed a pressure ulcer that was defiant of all expert treatment. According to those who knew him, Mr. Hohenberg loosely stated about his ulcer, “I understand people are working all over the world to find a cancer cure, but why doesn’t somebody find a better way of fixing what really bothers me?!” Upon his passing, Mrs. Pixie Hohenberg endowed the Department to annually promote research in wound regeneration.



Geoffrey C. Gurtner, MD, FACS

“Research that never gets into the real world has limited impact, and making an impact requires translating research into real-world applications.”

-Dr. Gurtner



Bernard L. Hohenberg

Congratulations to our Promoted Faculty Members



JULIANA CHOI, MD, PHD

Promoted to Associate Professor in the Academic Clinician Track



SARA SAMIMI, MD

Promoted to Associate Professor in the Academic Clinician Track



SUSAN TAYLOR, MD

Promoted to Professor in the Clinician Educator Track



JENNIFER VILLASEÑOR-PARK, MD, PHD

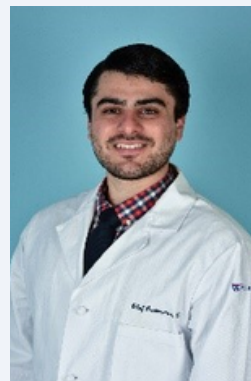
Promoted to Associate Professor in the Academic Clinician Track

Congratulations to our trainees recognized at the American Society of Dermatopathology 23rd Annual Duel in Dermatopathology Abstract Competition for dermatology and pathology residents



AMAN PRASAD, MD

Awarded Best in Fellow Study Presentations for "Spatial Transcriptomics in Vivo Reveals Novel Pathway Alterations in Pediatric Vascular Anomalies Harboring GNAQ Variants"



OLAF RODRIGUEZ, MD

Awarded First Place for "A Call for Nail Clipping Histopathology as an Essential Component of the Evaluation of Melanonychia: A Benefit to Patient Triage and Surgical Planning"

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Penn Medicine at Radnor
Dermatology Practice

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Director of Resident Surgery
Education

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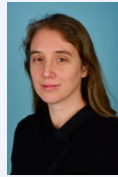
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General Dermatology



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Hair and Scalp Disorders,
Hyperpigmentation, Melasma



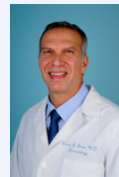
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Acne and Rosacea, Cutaneous T-
Cell Lymphoma, General
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Elena Bernardis, PhD
Computer Vision,
Computational Dermatology



Edward Bondi, MD*
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Bruce Brod, MD
Allergic Contact Dermatitis,
Patch Testing, Health Policy,
Moles and Skin Cancer



Katherine Brown, MD
Atopic Dermatitis, Allergic
Contact Dermatitis, General
Dermatology



Brian Capell, MD, PhD
Melanoma and Cutaneous
Malignancies, High-Risk Skin
Cancer, Aging Skin, Epigenetics



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General Dermatology



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Hyperhidrosis, General
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Melanoma and Cutaneous
Malignancies, Genetic
Diseases, Oncodermatology



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Enhancement, Laser Treatment
Services



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ments, Cosmetic Skin
Enhancements



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Blistering Diseases, General
Dermatology



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Malignancies, Mohs and
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Dermatology



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Malignancies, Mohs and
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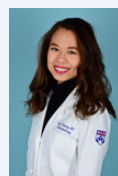
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Malignancies, Mohs and
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Skin, Atopic Dermatitis,
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Services, Psoriasis, General
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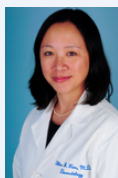


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Contact Dermatitis, General
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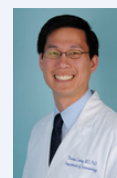
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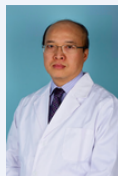
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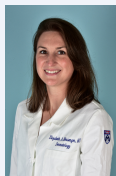
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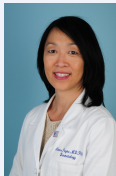
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Lisa Pappas-Taffer, MD
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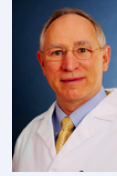
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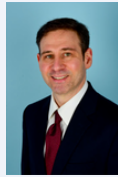
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Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma Services, Photopheresis



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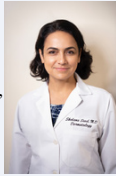
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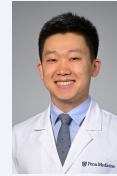
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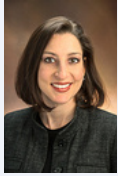


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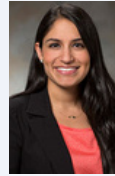
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General Dermatology



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Teledermatology, General
Dermatology



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Dermatology



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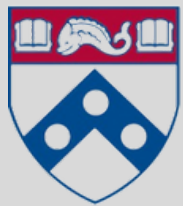


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DUHRING GRAND ROUNDS SCHEDULE JANUARY - JUNE 2023

Please note that due to COVID-19, some sessions for Duhring Grand Rounds will continue to be conducted virtually.

Please email PennDermAlumni@uphs.upenn.edu with any questions.

January 5, 2023 7:00-7:50 AM	Virtual Patient Viewing and Discussion	April 13, 2023 10:00-11:00 AM	Hybrid Patient Viewing & Discussion Location: Discussion in Auditorium (hybrid Zoom option available)
January 12, 2023 7:00-7:50 AM	Virtual Patient Viewing and Discussion	April 20, 2023	11:00-12:00 PM Lecturer: Robert T. Brodell, MD Professor and Founding Chair; University of Mississippi Medical Center Title: TBA Location: Hybrid Session – SCTR Auditorium & Via Zoom
January 19, 2023 7:00-7:50 AM	Virtual Patient Viewing and Discussion	April 27, 2023 7:00-8:00 AM	*No Duhring Grand Rounds this week*
January 26, 2023	*No Duhring Grand Rounds this week*	May 4, 2023 7:00-9:00 AM	Duhring Lectureship Conference: Health Equity Rounds Lecturer: TBA Title: TBA Location: Hybrid Session – BRB Auditorium & Via Zoom *Please note location change*
February 2, 2023 10:00-11:00 AM 11:00-12:00 AM	Virtual Patient Viewing and Discussion Lecturer: Bryan K. Sun, MD, PhD Assistant Professor of Dermatology; UC San Diego School of Medicine Title: TBA Location: Virtual Session	May 10-13, 2023	International Societies for Investigative Dermatology Meeting
February 9, 2023 10:00-11:00 AM 11:00-12:00 AM	Virtual Patient Viewing and Discussion Duhring Lectureship Conference: Health Equity Rounds Lecturer: Jonathan D. Moreno, PhD David and Lyn Silfen University Professor; Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy; Department of History and Sociology of Science; University of Pennsylvania Title: TBA Location: Virtual Session	May 11, 2023	*No Duhring Grand Rounds this week*
February 16, 2023 7:00-8:00 AM	Virtual Patient Viewing and Discussion	May 18, 2023	36th Annual Donald M. Pillsbury, MD, Lecture In conjunction with the CHA Conference Lecturer: M. Peter Marinkovitch, MD Associate Professor of Dermatology; Director, Blistering Disease Clinic; Stanford University School of Medicine Title: TBA Location: Hybrid Session - CRB Austrian Auditorium & Via Zoom
February 23, 2023	*No Duhring Grand Rounds this week*	May 25, 2023 7:00-8:00 AM	Virtual Patient Viewing & Discussion
March 2, 2023 10:00-11:00 AM 11:00-12:00 PM	Virtual Patient Viewing and Discussion Lecturer: Thomas H. Leung, MD, PhD Assistant Professor of Dermatology; University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine Title: TBA Location: Virtual Session	June 1, 2023 10:00-11:00 AM	Hybrid Patient Viewing and Discussion Location: Discussion in Auditorium (hybrid Zoom option available)
March 9, 2023 8:00 AM-3:00 PM 11:00-12:00 PM	Penn SBDRC Symposium and Trainee Research Day Keynote Speaker: TBA Title: TBA Location: Smilow Rubenstein Auditorium & Commons & via Zoom **Registration Required**	June 8, 2023 10:00-11:00 AM	Hybrid Patient Viewing & Discussion Location: Discussion in Auditorium (hybrid Zoom option available)
March 16, 2023	*No Duhring Grand Rounds this week*	June 15, 2023 7:00-8:00 AM	Virtual Patient Viewing and Discussion
March 17-21, 2023	American Academy of Dermatology Annual Meeting	June 22, 2022	*No Duhring Grand Rounds this week*
March 23, 2023	*No Duhring Grand Rounds this week*	June 29, 2022	*No Duhring Grand Rounds this week*
March 30, 2023 7:00-8:00 AM	Virtual Patient Viewing and Discussion		
April 6, 2023 7:00-8:00 AM	Virtual Patient Viewing and Discussion		
April 6, 2023 10:00-11:00 AM 11:00-12:00 PM	Hybrid Patient Viewing & Discussion Location: Discussion in Auditorium (hybrid Zoom option available) Lecturer: Antonella Tosti, MD Fredric Brandt, MD Professor of Clinical Dermatology; University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; President, American Hair Research Society Title: TBA Location: Hybrid Session – SCTR Auditorium & Zoom		